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Preston defender Steve Trajanovski leans back, on one leg, as he nods the ball over Caulfield attacker Peter Staedler to turn a Caulfield attack.

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ENGLISH DIVISION ONE:

Birmingham City 3
Derby County 2; Burnley 2
Leeds United 1; Chelsea 0
Arsenal 0; Everton 0
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0; Leicester City 3
Queens Park Rangers 1; Luton Town 1; Ipswich Town 4; Manchester City 2
Liverpool 0; Newcastle United 1; Carlisle United 0; Sheffield United 1; Middlesbrough 0; Stoke City 2; Coventry City 0; Tottenham Hotspur 2; West Ham United 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO:

Bolton Wanderers 0; Sheffield Wednesday 1; Bristol Rovers 2; Aston Villa 0; Cardiff City 0; Bristol City 1; Millwall 0; Oxford United 0; Norwich City 3; Notts County 0; Nottingham Forest 4; Hull City 0; Oldham Athletic 1; Blackpool 0; Orient 0; Fulham 0; Southampton 2; Portsmouth 1; West Bromwich Albion 1; Manchester United 0; York City 0; Sunderland 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE:

Brighton and Hove Albion 2; Watford 0; Colchester United 3; Charlton Athletic 0; Gillingham 0; Aldershot 0; Grimsby Town 1; Peterborough United 2; Halifax Town 0; Bury 1; Hereford United 0; Bournemouth 1; Huddersfield Town 2.

SOCCER WEEK POOLS GUIDE FOR SEPTEMBER 28

Results for Saturday, 14th September, were incredible in having so many no-score draws, NINE of them in fact and only FIVE score draws. I did however, get four of them for you.

I cannot see past the First and Second Divisions for my NAP HAND so here they are: Birmingham v Arsenal, Chelsea v Wolves, Bolton v Notts County, Millwall v Bristol City and Orient v Sheffield Wednesday.

NOTABLE "FIRSTS"

This does not mean that the remainder are chanceless, and I can see a likely second best NAP HAND in Colchester v Walsall, Grimsby v Aldershot, Barnsley v Newport, Workington v Exeter and Clydebank v Forfar.

I am confident that form will prove more reliable for the next four weeks. What a pity the only competition is the Treble Chance now.

I reckon the 4 Aways and the 4 Draws would have rated highly in my tips, for September 28th. Good luck.

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SOCCER POOLS

by Jock

Stephen



SPORT HAS ITS ROMANTIC FEATURES

The story of Soccer Football can never be told without inspiring within us a pride of achievement, a sense of respect for those who have gone before, and a better understanding of the needs of youth. There is a wealth of romance in the story of how the world's greatest and most popular sport evolved.

The process of experimentation, of trial and error, has grown into a wonderful exercise for mind and body.

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Seven minutes to go at Burnley, and Leeds were down 1-2, when Ray Hankin of Burnley and Gerry McQueen of Leeds were caught in the act, so it is possible that both clubs will be minus their services for a week or so. Leeds will be feeling the drought of senior players the most, I fancy.

Two off and four booked in the Celtic v Rangers tussle. The second half was won by Rangers by forceful methods. Scottish referees seem to have decided that their pencil is mightier than their words, as this season is producing an overabundance of bookings.

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Poland's reputation took another knock last week, when France defeated them very comfortably by 2 goals to nothing.

Australian Soccer Pools have been impressed with the number of enthusiastic volunteers who have come forward with full experience with the English Pools. Subscribers agents could still be required, so get in early if you feel that you have the qualifications. Box 99A, G.P.O. Mel-

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IN HOROSCOPE

This week we look at the horoscope of Steve Perryman, who is Sagittarius (born between November 23 and December 21). This well known Spurs player loves the Great Outdoor life, is a born sportsman. Sagittarians also have great reasoning power ... which certainly helps in a fast moving game like football. His lucky stone is the Turquoise.

amounts within 7 days. So all you soccer fans, look forward to receiving your coupons and try your luck to win a fortune.

IAN TOMASZEWSKI was the Best Player on the Ground in the game Poland-Finland played in Helsinki and won by Poland 2-1. Goalscorers for the Polish team were Gadocha and Lato. The match-a-quarter-final of the European championship was the first international game played by Poland after a very successful start in the final of the World Cup.

THIS YEARS semi-final of the Dockey Cup will be played at Olympic Park on the 6th of October. In a double header Fitzroy United will play Wilhelmina and Hellas will play JUST. The draw was made last Saturday at Middle Park by the chairman of the VSF Mr Michael Weinstein.

SO WE WERE rejected by the Asian Football Confederation, but don't you worry soccer fans! We will still be seeded in an Asian group for the elimination of the next World Cup.

VICTORIA's successful Under 16 team was cheered at a civic reception given to the boys last Thursday by the Minister for Sport and recreation Mr Brian Dixon. The boys recently won the Australian Championship beating the strong NSW 5-0.

REMEMBER "Burly" Lapisch the Hakoah defender? He will soon be back with the blue-whites after a six month holiday in England.

JIM BAKATSOULAS the well known soccer writer of Athletic Echo can't make up his mind with which Greek Club Hellas or Alexander he should register his newly born son. For the time being he is accepting congratulations from members of both Greek Clubs.

IAN TOMASZEWSKI and other members of the LKS team sent regards last week to soccer fans in Australia. They are looking forward to their tour of Australia.

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ON THE BAN WITH LEN STONE

Len Stone reports from England

THE Football Association called for a full report on the case of a London soccer fan who was fined only \$200 for carrying a carving knife just two days after a youth was stabbed to death on the terraces.

They want to know why the fan, 18-year-old Daniel Manka, appeared to have escaped "so lightly" when magistrates have the power to send a person carrying an offensive weapon to prison for up to three months with a maximum \$400 fine.

Manka, a Millwall supporter, was arrested after a disturbance between rival fans on the way to Manchester United's ground.

Throughout every week, most First Division and quite a number of English Second Division clubs receive literally thousands of telephone calls, seeking information of various kinds.

Because of the volume of inquiries, members of the public find it impossible in making contact.

Even I, favoured by several clubs with a "secret number" which is available to the inner circle of these clubs, experience long, but unavoidable delays in making contact.

But for the real supporters, the faithful ones, these clubs have installed an answering service which can handle many calls simultaneously.

Information about matches, match bookings, half-time scores, results and other matters of interest to the faithful ones is available so they can help themselves and the busy clubs by ringing a particular number.

Take for example two clubs beginning with A: Arsenal in the First and Aston Villa in the Second Division.

Both have grounds of fantastic size, following that even Collingwood or Carlton would be proud of and receive about a

thousand letters each week from all parts of the world.

They have a staff specially employed to cope with as many letters as possible and some weeks they manage to reply to most of them.

The wage bill just for that service is enormous. Then the official club programme at home matches is a well prepared effort which takes much time and personnel and according to the match they print between 30,000 and 70,000 copies.

Many thousands are sent regularly to supporters all over the world.

I can speak of Arsenal. I would be happy to see as many spectators at a State League game as there are Arsenal supporters receiving the club's programme regularly in Australia. I am afraid many of these have never seen a match in Australia yet I am sure they have stood in rain, snow and sleet in their old country to cheer on the Gunners — why can't we win them for soccer in Australia.

Maybe the pools will help to achieve this goal.

Look out for Phil Hammond of Hakoah — he is no ordinary player say the locals at Crystal Palace and Blackburn Rovers where he played with distinction.

When I told some people that he was sent off here in Melbourne, they could hardly believe it. Of course in England,

he was probably used to a different type of referee and decisions given against him were always accepted in the best of spirit I was told.

This does not mean that I'm knocking the referee who sent him off, but a number of people I spoke to, could, as I said before, hardly believe my words.

He was always considered a first class club man, a team player and a very disciplined one at that.

With new countries come new frustrations and interpretations which differ completely from his former environment.

Another player well known, in the South of England, is Slavia keeper Mike O'Hara, who is considered in expert circles a remarkable keeper but one that has not liked the life of a professional and subjected to what I feel too much regimentation.

Talking to a number of professionals, Australia is no longer a fashionable country for soccer players who can't quite make top grade in England.

These are mostly in the twilight of their career or do not see eye to eye with their coach, manager or other officials in the club.

These players first try South Africa, then Canada, then U.S.A. and if that fails, well — perhaps Australia.

Naturally Sydney has first preference because N.S.W. clubs can pay more.

Some people told me that if they lived in Melbourne they would follow George Cross — the reason — they like the name!

In Sydney they say it would be Sutherland or Western Suburbs. Again they like the name!

One player that left a big impact to the vast television audience during the World Cup was Australian captain Peter Wilson.

He had really well worth offers from a number of big English clubs.

The criticism of Socceros, as far as some students of the game were concerned, was, they were unattractive because of their far too defensive approach but then we are only semi-pros.

THE sad story of Stanley Bowles, was given another unhappy twist. He was placed on the transfer list by his club, Queen's Park Rangers, at his own request. The news was not altogether surprising.

Bowles, 25, has courted controversy throughout his short, mercurial career as one of England's most talented but most temperamental forwards. So yesterday's announcement merely fitted a familiar pattern.

Sacked by Manchester City, for breaches of discipline, Bowles wandered in the soccer wilderness with Bury, Crewe and

Carlisle before his prodigious ability persuaded Rangers to pay \$210,000 for his services two years ago.

A 10-point plan to control the terraces was hammered out over lunch at Football League headquarters at St. Annes, Lancashire, with League president Lord Westwood. Football Association chairman Dr Andrew Stephen and police chiefs.

Then Mr Howell visited Blackpool's Bloomfield Road, scene of the first death, to announce his charter:

ONE: "More realistic sentences" on hooligans by the courts because a whip-round by friends can cover even the \$200 maximum.

TWO: Spells of community service for some convicted — at weekends and match times.

THREE: The law on juvenile offenders to be reviewed.

FOUR: Identity cards for young fans to be considered — though League secretary Alan Hardaker

said they "haven't any idea how it will work".

FIVE: Stronger rights for clubs to refuse admission.

SIX: The "penning" of rival groups of fans, and the provision of dry moats or other barriers to be compulsory, with clubs given a 14-day deadline to produce plans.

SEVEN: Crowd conduct to be the subject of weekly confidential reports from every club to the League.

EIGHT: Special squads of police to travel with fans to away matches.

NINE: Players to be told firmly their conduct on field must be "above reproach".

TEN: The Press and television to be asked to exercise "responsibility" in reporting hooliganism.

QUOTES

Two typical reactions:

Sir Matt Busby, Manchester United director: "It's sad that it has to come to this, but football is faced with a terrible problem."

Mr Albert Henshall, Stoke chairman: "I can't see clubs turning away people who don't have identity cards — we need the money."

And London's problems:

Scotland Yard commanders from nine London divisions will attend a conference this week on crowd and traffic control as well as hooliganism.

SOCER POOLS ARE COMING

Brian Cubitt, Secretary of Croydon City Junior Soccer Club, a man with a mission.

PERSONALITY-

BRIAN CUBITT, SOCCER GENTLEMAN

Another of the Victorian Soccer stalwarts born within a stone's throw of an English League club's ground, Brian Cubitt learned to love the game in Grimsby, Cleethorpes area of Lincolnshire.

Grimsby Town's home ground, Breerton Avenue, is situated in the twin town of Cleethorpes, where the Cubitt family lived.

Grimsby is a big fishing port and it was natural that Brian's father should be involved with the sea. He was born on a fishing trawler.

At the age of eight, war broke out and Brian's father was put on steel erection at various aerodromes. The family moved about quite a bit, living in Scunthorpe, Carlisle, Stockton on Tees etc., until the war ended.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Brian returned to Cleethorpes and went on to complete his education at Bancroft Street, where he represented the school at soccer, as an accomplished right half.

After school days, he was apprenticed as a motor mechanic, but studied hard and joined ICI and later the Birds Eye company, qualifying as a plant engineer.

During all this time he carried on playing soccer and figured in every division of the Grimsby and District Football League, with Cromwell Rovers, Victoria Rovers and Scarthoe Wanderers.

Whilst with the latter team, he won his one and only championship trophy, in 1959.

In 1956, he married a Grimsby girl, Maureen, who has presented him with four delightful children.

ENGLISH AND AUSTRALIAN

Eleven years old Helen was born in England. She is a softball fanatic. The three boys were all born in Australia.

Richard (9) has been a regular with the Bayswater under 9 side this season. They are particularly promising youngsters who have won the League Championship and last Saturday entered the final of the JLMC cup by defeating Box Hill 1-0, last Saturday.

that he had enjoyed every minute of his association with soccer, both here and overseas. He went on to say that the Croydon club is well supported, both at home and away games. This springs from the juniors. Parents and friends of the boys watch them in the morning or early afternoon and stay for the senior game. They have become such fervent followers of the seniors that they follow them wherever they play.

Except for the years 1968/69, when their home was being resurfaced and the dressing rooms etc. were in process of construction, and the club played at Hughes Park, the club has always played at Croydon Park.

PLANT ENGINEER

Brian is plant engineer with Wilmot Breedon, a firm of engineers, at Preston, specialising in the production of automobile hardware (locks, window winding equipment etc.).

In 1955, he was working on Bahrain Island, in the Persian Gulf. He played for the Bahrain Petroleum Soccer Club and they reached the cup final.

The time was just prior to independence and the Arabs were far from friendly towards the British.

They met a local Arab side, Manama F.C., in the final.

The Petroleum club took the lead in the first half with a hotly disputed penalty. In the second half, they scored again.

At a pre-arranged signal, the Arab side was called together by their team captain and marched off the field in single file, ten minutes from the end.

They forfeited the game rather than be beaten by the British on the field.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER

When speaking with Mr Cubitt on the subject of Australian soccer, he was forthright and down to earth.

"Soccer has developed tremendously, particularly in the last five years in the Metropolitan," he said. He associates this with the advent of the Victorian Soccer Coaches Association. He regards the work done by Ollie Norris, Ken Kontra, Padhy Slogan and Raleasic as invaluable in the upward surge of coaching tactics, which has brought such dramatic improvement to the standard of soccer in this State.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

For three years, this quietly spoken, gentlemanly sportsman with an abundance of energy, figured on the Metropolitan League Committee of Management.

He worked with that great Metro stalwart from Sandringham, Bill Campbell, on the sub committee which investigated Amateur registration.

He was on the sub committee which restarted the Federation Cup and only left because he was anxious to assist in building up Croydon City as a club of significance. For years they had languished around Third and Fourth Divisions and he believed that the area was ripe for a club of much higher grade.

The fact that Croydon just missed out on promotion to Division One this time is evidence of the new, forward looking spirit in the club.

He believes that a club with a strong junior set-up leads to a strong senior club and that is how Croydon are working for the future.

One of his burning ambitions is to see a first team composed of home grown talent, playing in the First Division.

He says that the days of State League teams spending big money overseas, to bring out players of doubtful quality, are numbered.

The State League will have to follow the pattern of Metropolitan development. If they don't, the Met will take over as the premier league in this State.

He hopes, however, that commonsense will prevail and that a single Victorian League will come into being quickly.

It will be the salvation and making of soccer in Victoria. The number of divisions doesn't matter. Unity and concentration of strength are the important things.

CYCLIST

In a final comment, this remarkable man, who has the capacity to get things done, without being obvious or self-promoting, revealed two other aspects of his amazing sporting career.

He was an enthusiastic cross country runner and member of Grimsby Harriers. In the summer months he was a keen amateur cyclist and rode in the first Amateur Cycling Tour of Britain, in 1954.

Brian Cubitt, quiet, softly spoken, deeply sincere. Another of the tremendous group of men of all nations, united in the common aim of raising the soccer banner to the highest pinnacle in Australia and prepared to spare no effort in achieving this aim.

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RUNNERS' UP FLAG VIRTUALLY THORN'S

At Monash University AWA-Thorn virtually assured themselves the 1974 League Runners-up honours with a narrow 2-1 victory over also contenders Bosch in a fast and good technical game last Sunday.

The perfect ground conditions at the University allowed for a high standard game in which the TV people deservedly gained the points.

Dzakovski and Tubic netted the goals for the winners while Bosch top scorer Milan Stojilovic signed responsible for his side's only one.

Congratulations to the Bundoora side Thorn. In only its first year in top company the TV man had a roaring start which catapulted the team right to the top of the ladder.

UNDEFEATED IN ELEVEN GAMES

Credit goes to Thorn for being the only side being undefeated in the second half of the season. In fact the side remained undefeated in eleven successive games. An outstanding feat.

AWA-Thorn now has 25 points and has completed all its matches.

Third placed Bosch with two outstanding games in hand still has a theoretical chance in overtaking the TV men, however, this is highly unlikely. Bosch would need to score at least 16 goals in their two remaining games without conceding any. Seeing that one of Bosch's opponents is the strong Kodak side the possibility of Thorn's position being endangered is equal to nothing.

HOT SHOT MIRKO

Top striker Mirko Dzakovski, despite constant special attention by opposition defences, still puts the goals on the board for Thorn, as he's done in the previous years with his club. Next to McColl, AWA-Thorn have the soundest defence in the League.

Goalkeeper Ronaszek must be rated as one of the best and Moreland regular Michael Tsambikos is the marshall in the back-line. Superior in technical ability Michael is outstanding in the air, and whoever plays against him finds Michael a very tough nut to crack.

Something perhaps not too many people were aware of, AWA-Thorn S.C. consists of 100% Thorn employees, in fact rules are that strict that if a player terminates his employment with the company he automatically forfeits his membership in the soccer club.

In Thorn's case this policy appears to be paying off. Other clubs like Philip Morris and Bowscot found themselves at such a disadvantage due to similar rigid rules that they were forced to relax them in order to survive.

NEW FLOODLIGHTS

Thorn, who is leasing a ground from the La-trobe University, has plans to install floodlights on the ground in

the season by the hands of Ford Falcons in last week's Adidas Cup final, still has to overcome two hurdles before the Standard game. Next week the Blue-Yellows face Patons Brakes, a team that is by no accounts a push-over. On the 29th Ericsson has to visit Cadbury and should return with both points.

Should Ericsson win both games we'll have a Grand Final atmosphere for the Standard game, and this clash then will be a thriller, fully worth to be watched.

M.I.S.L. PRESENTATION NIGHT

Six hundred people are expected to attend this year's Presentation Dance at the Camberwell Civic Centre on Saturday, November 2.

After the enormous success of last year's dance at the Swagman Restaurant in Ferntree

Gully where 500 people had a fantastic night, this year's event is likely to be the biggest and best ever. The MISL has negotiated a very good deal with the caterers and is able to offer a double ticket for \$20.00 which includes a first class five course meal, all liquor supplied and one of Melbourne's best bands, The Emeralds. Unique of its kind in Victoria, the MISL presentation dance has become a tradition, and a popular one at that. The rush on tickets is on, and anybody wishing to be part of the MISL Spectacular should phone the secretary on 735.0371.

The top Award of the Industrial scene, the Tarax Player of the Year will be announced at the presentation night. The same applies to the individual winners of the Best and Fairest Awards in each of the three divisions.

Can any of last year's winners do it again? Jim-

my Daperis of champion side McColl won last year's Tarax award with an overwhelming majority, but Jimmy has not had such a successful season and his throne is in serious jeopardy.

Hugh Shaw won the Best and Fairest trophy in first division last year. Hugh has swapped clubs this year. Now playing for Kodak little has been heard of him this season.

Ericsson's Brana Basic, last year's winner in second division, again has had a very successful year. Can he do it again?

Standard's Ken Waugh last year won the third division trophy with a fantastic margin. Eight times Ken polled best on the ground. This year the third division will have a new trophy winner as Ken is now playing in second division.

All questions will be answered at the presentation night, until then the suspense is on.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

By FRED HABBE

It couldn't have been more thrilling. Deadlocked at a goal a piece with only 30 seconds to go the Association Cup Final between Melton and Green Gully suddenly became dramatic when referee DeLange awarded a penalty to the Ajax side after a fatal ball handling by Melton's Jean Denham in her own penalty area.

Victoria's top woman player, Hazel Donovan, with an almost 100% record in converting penalties marched up to wrap up the game. The unexpected big crowd of approximately 500 was in dead silence when Hazel took the kick. The ball took off low and hard, but suddenly Melton keeper Trudy Reissmann was down on the ground, got a hand to it, and pounced the leather back into the field.

Jubilation among Melton players and supporters while Hazel was so surprised of the ball coming back that she didn't even attempt for a second try. Only seconds later the full-time whistle, and both teams faced the agony of extra-time.

WIND TROUBLES

PLAYERS

In the first half of the game Melton had the assistance of the strong wind but gained little from it. Although appearing frequently in front of Rose Sammut's goal the Melton forward line was at a loss when it came to convert from opportunities.

State player Jeannette Melvin apparently still hadn't fully recovered from her knee injury and was not at her usual best. Gully defended vigorously and cleverly with full marks going to Rose Sammut in goal and Anna Justrista as special watchdog for Jeannette Melvin.

On the other side Kay Morley played at her brilliant best in the Melton defence and at that stage had Gully star Hazel Donovan tightly checked.

GULLY RUNS HOT

After a scoreless first half Melton faced the task of holding out against the wind, and as it turned out Green Gully took full advantage of the situation. Waves of attacks were thrown at the Melton goal and the Phoenix defence had to produce its best to keep the pressing Gully forwards out. Hazel became the centre of the action and whenever in position Melton had to sound full alert. Unfortunately Hazel lacked the support of her teammates, and instead of Green Gully running away with the game Melton suddenly hit the front.

RE-PLAY NEXT SATURDAY

Both teams will meet again on the same ground in Churchill Reserve in St Albans next Saturday, kick-off 2.45 pm. Should there be no winner after extra time the match will be decided by penalty kicks.

Colleen Philips took

DOVETON FIRST, DANDENONG SECOND

The match that decided the final placing in the East Division, between the two top sides, Doveton and Dandenong resulted in a two-all draw, enough to secure the top spot to Doveton.

Again Josie Jansen starred for Dandenong. She also scored one of the goals. Dandenong goalie Caroline Jennings had one of her best days and frustrated many hopeful Doveton attacks. Right half Karen McCarthy proved her consistency with a solid performance.

Best for Doveton: Bev Hubbard and Kathy Darby who scored one of the goals and Karen Hume. Michelle Murphy scored the second for Dandenong.

BAYSWATER STILL WITHOUT WIN

Bottom East Division team Bayswater had their best chance yet to win their first ever two points, but the side seems to be jinxed. Despite continuous superiority against Frankston the Bayswater girls just couldn't capitalize.

Ruza Dunning topped it all by missing three sitters. Twice the wood-work had to assist Frankston from falling behind, and by the final whistle both teams shared the points with the score being 1-all.

The teams will meet again next week, this time in Ferntree Gully and it will be Bayswater's last chance to win a game this season.

SEMI FINALS NEXT WEEK

The cut-throat semi-finals of the 1974 championship will be played next Sunday at Raynor Reserve, Broadmeadows.

Melton, winner of the West Division will meet Dandenong, second placed in the East, and Doveton, Winner of the East Division faces Greensborough, who finished second in the West.

None of the teams will get a second chance, so we'll be sure to see some do or die battles. Favourites? Well, the general consensus seems to favour both West teams, and past matches proved this theory. But both Doveton and Dandenong must not be underrated.

Judging on Melton's cup performance a weak-

ness in the attacking department was very obvious, and their job will not be made easier against the two Rampal sisters, both of who have proved their competency in defence for Dandenong numerous times. With Caroline Jennings Dandenong have a good keeper and Karen McCarthy will make it even harder for Melton to break through.

Josie Jansen is one of the most lethal strikers in the Association and is gifted with tremendous speed. Whoever in the Melton defence gets the job to shadow Josie will have a job on her hand.

Melton's chances will stand and fall with the fitness of Jeannette Melvin, one of the few outstanding players in Victoria. In peak form Jeannette is a match-winner. Lesley Brett always is impressive in moving the ball up the wing but poor work in the finishing department nullifies many of her efforts.

Tall and slim Colleen Philips must be guarded well as she always seems to come into the game in an unobtrusive fashion. Suddenly she is there to score.

On past performances Melton should start the game as favourites but I give Dandenong an outside chance.

TOUGH TASK AHEAD

FOR DOVETON

Doveton probably would have better done to finish second in the

East. Sunday's opponent, Greensborough, is presently in devastating form and most likely harder to conquer than the injury stricken Melton side.

The two Greensborough stars, Shona Bass and Andrea Martin, take a lot of beating and it will be interesting to see who little Karen "Tiger" Hume will have to take on. I guess Karen will be the special watchdog for Shona.

Reflecting back on Doveton's cup performance against Green Gully I can't see the side crack this big one. Too heavy are the Boro's guns. And the Boro defence is solid. State keeper Monika Werner and fullback Jan Snedden are the outstanding players in this back-line.

Doveton will rely on State winger Bev Hubbard, one of the finest players in Victoria, Josie Hili and Kathy Darby. All three players can score and work well together.

Doveton's weakness lies in defence. Only Karen Hume is of above average and the Doveton strategists will have to give consideration to improving their back-line.

Having seen both sides play I go for Greensborough. I just see Doveton causing an upset.

The first match, Melton v Dandenong, will kick-off at 2 pm. The Doveton v Greensborough game starts at 3.30 pm.

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REPORTS

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LAST Thursday night, Springvale City Soccer Club held their Annual Presentation Dinner Dance at the Springvale City Hall.

It was a glittering affair, with hundreds of juniors present, everyone of whom received a commemorative plaque, to mark their participation in club games throughout the season.

Plaques and trophies were presented by the Mayor and Mayoress of Springvale and VSF secretary George Wallace.

Springvale has one of the biggest and best organised junior set-ups in Victoria. The club is to be commended for its efforts with youngsters and for the glittering night which set the seal on a successful season.

At the Italia Hall, Northcote, on Friday night, Preston Soccer Club held its presentation dinner dance.

A crowded hall dined, wined and danced until the early hours.

Best and Fairest awards were presented to recipients by VSF secretary Mr George Wallace.

Popular Tommy Fox won the senior award with Steve Trajanovski and Albert Harrison in second and third places.

Once again, Ian Reid, who missed five games through injury, received the top goal scoring award, with 21 for the season.

He assured the writer that next season, given a minimum of team injuries, Preston will win their way into State League.

Well, time will tell!!

Monash University say farewell to one of their outstanding players and clubmen, over the last four years.

Jerry Gillard PhD, a popular lecturer at the university is returning to England. Gentleman both on and off the field, he has proved himself a skilful footballer and true sportsman. He will be sadly missed by all at Monash.

Significantly, his last game was against Melbourne University, last Sunday, and as usual he was one of his team's stars.

The annual Scotland versus England match, at Middle Park, will take place on Sunday, K O 11 a.m.

Referee will be Bob Randall and the teams will be composed entirely of Park Rangers players.

The club is making this a great social event this time.

After the game, a pig will be roasted and drinks provided.

This event usually marks the end of the club's official programme of matches. If they down Doveton in the Federation Cup on Saturday, this will not be the case this year.

Mysterious disappearance of Brighton Soccer Club star.

This dramatic statement is not just a lurid headline, it is a simple statement of fact.

At the time of writing, star Brighton forward, Nicky Starczewski had been missing for five days.

A Brighton official told Soccer Week, last Sunday, that Nicky had set out for training on the previous Tuesday.

stand that foul play is not suspected at this time, for Nicky has gone "walkabout" before.

If you have not returned when this goes on sale, Nicky, please contact your loved ones and/or the Brighton Soccer Club. A lot of people are more than a little worried. Your family and Soccer mates need you.

SUNDAY saw the last Metro League problem solved. East Melbourne visited and defeated Broadmeadows City by the only goal of the game. We received no direct report on the game, but the referee informed us that Broadmeadows tore into the game from the start and applied most of the early pressure. Gradually East Melbourne steadied, defended well and then took the initiative. In the end, they proved too good and deservedly completed the season as Fourth Division champions. Below is a complete list of the season's champions, promoted and relegated clubs.

Division One: Champions Sunshine City, Runners up Altona City. Relegated Box Hill and Yarraville.

Division Two: Champions Waverley City. Promoted Ferntree Gully. Relegated Ringwood United and Prahran City.

Division Three: Champions Brighton. Promoted Bayswater. Relegated Ballarat and Corio.

Division Four: Champions East Melbourne. Promoted Bell Park. Bottom club South Yarra, second bottom Rosebud.

Provisional League: Champions Morwell Falcons. Runners up Gee Long. Bottom club Carlton, second bottom Melton.

Division One Reserves champions: Sunshine City.

Division Two Reserves champions: Croydon City.

Division Three Reserves champions: Park Rangers.

Division Four Reserves champions: Monash University.

Provisional League Reserves: Morwell Falcons

THE Federation Cup second round produced its usual crop of thrilling games and shock results.

There is still plenty for Metro Soccer enthusiasts, even though 1974's exciting League programme is over.

Will there be a new name on this year's cup?

Will Preston, last year's winner, do it again?

Will a surprise winner emerge from the lower divisions?

These fascinating questions will be answered in the next few weeks and Soccer Week will bring you all the stories, in word and picture.

MATCH REPORTS

St Albans 1 Bayswater 2.

Hail, rain and high wind made ball control difficult and good soccer almost impossible.

The visitors had the benefit of the elements in the first half and attacked strongly. Colin Waller hit a post with a good effort, after 15 minutes. Shortly after, Alan Jackson lobbed the ball over Lou Denys as he advanced to narrow the angle, but the ball hit the cross bar.

FIRST GOAL

At the 28 minute mark, Colin Waller ran

through on the right and crashed the ball into the net with a savage cross shot.

Monash took the lead with an incredible goal.

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EXTRA TIME

With time running out, Rangers went into all out attack and with only seconds left, Dennis Ruecroft put over a well judged corner, which Eddie Cassidy scrambled in, to force extra time.

Early in the first period of extra time, Clemie broke through and shot. The ball deflected off a defender to Robertson who promptly slammed it in the net.

Monash fought back, Blazer shot over when only ten yards out, then Frank Hoyle broke through and shot straight at keeper Payne. These were followed by a Gerry Gillard effort which cleared the bar from seven yards range.

Rangers packed their defence for the remainder of the game and held on to emerge fortunate victors.

Hoyle, Kevin Morgan, Frank Perkin and goalkeeper Simon Hemmings were outstanding for the university.

Waverley City 2

Princes Park 1.

Waverley were always in command of this game, but, in the end, made very hard work of it.

They moved smoothly into attack and took the lead with a very good goal after only ten minutes. Sammy Jordan moved through and lobbed the ball across for Peter Whitehurst to head it into the net.

Dave McCourt broke through and crashed the ball against a post, but a minute before the interval, a defensive error let the visitors in for an equaliser, following a corner kick.

Waverley took the lead again two minutes into the second period when Whitehurst took the ball to the bye line, beating two men on the way, and chipped it over the keeper for Jordan to head into the net.

MISSED CHANCES

Waverley missed a number of opportunities to increase the lead and could have paid dearly for it.

Ten minutes from time, Princes Park were awarded a penalty kick, but Newton Wynne brought off a great save and Waverley did not give them another opportunity.

From that point, Derek Shackleford, Mark Weston and Mnich really shone as they repelled attack after attack.

Dennis Broome deflected one shot for a corner that looked goal all over and an overhead kick by Culina flashed narrowly over the bar. St Albans were pressing as the final whistle went.

Park Rangers 3

Monash University 2

after extra time.

A cruel stroke of luck, with almost the last kick of the 90 minute period, robbed Monash of a merited, shock victory.

The game was of high standard with both sides playing good class soccer in very poor weather conditions.

After 10 minutes play, the referee took the teams off when a heavy hail storm struck. Almost immediately on resumption of play, Neil Robertson headed in a cross from John Clemie, to put Rangers one up at half-time.

With the wind in the second half, it was Monash who set the pace.

After 60 minutes, Jim Blazer dashed in after the ball, collided with keeper Chris Payne and it ran loose for John Geist to tap in the equaliser.

Seven minutes later, Monash took the lead with an incredible goal.

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the second half but tended

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Haupt and Logan missed

glaring opportunities of scoring, but Frankston defended stubbornly and emerged victorious.

Alf Neri and ex-Frankston player Keith Lawson were outstanding for Chelsea, with Neil Evans doing a superb job in goal.

Ballarat 1 Albion Rovers 3.

Albion Rovers had a new experience when the game was held up for snow.

Although Albion always looked the likely winners, Ballarat put up a brave fight.

Playing with the wind, the visitors were in continuous attack in the first half, but after 19 minutes play the home side gave them a shock. A long ball breakaway caught Albion's defence too far up and Ballarat went into a shock lead.

Before half-time, captain-coach Hugh Murney, moved up to head a good equaliser for the visitors.

A snowstorm caused play to be suspended for a time and it was obvious that Albion did not relish the conditions.

After an hour's play, Tom Clark let loose a terrific drive which rebounded to Murney, who scored again.

ALL ALBION

This second goal took the steam out of Ballarat and it was all Albion for the remainder of the game.

John Pryde surprisingly missed a penalty kick awarded for a handling offence. His spot kick went straight at the keeper.

With seven minutes left, Gordon Cameron gave the score an air of respectability, when he made it 3-1, but Albion will have to produce better finish if they are to advance any further in the competition, after Saturday's home tie with Altona.

Clayton 2 Doncaster Rovers 1.

This game was played at Dendy Street, Brighton. Clayton's home pitch was unplayable.

The strong wind blowing straight down the ground was no help to Clayton as the ball frequently passed well over the forwads.

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heavy hailstorm drove of the game produced an equaliser for Corio. Neither side looked capable of scoring in extra time.

The replay at Sillitoe Reserve on Sunday looked like being a repeat, at least for Brighton.

In all fairness, injuries, suspension etc left Brighton short of five regular first team men. Micky Benton, Graham Wheat and Bobby McLachlan were injured, Matt McCaig suspended and Nicky Starczewski missing.

It was a lamentable performance for three parts of the game.

A long ball down the right, after ten minutes, produced a good centre and Corio scored.

Brighton had chances but they finished woefully. Kevin Colman was through and pushed the ball wide when he should certainly have scored.

As half time approached Brighton suffered a further blow.

From a move down the right wing came a hard cross which the Brighton keeper could not hold and Jim McArde forced the ball into the net.

Although favouring his injured leg, McLachlan came on in the second half and hit the cross bar in the first minute.

Things were looking very black for the baysiders when suddenly they came to life, 15 minutes from the end.

Three goals in seven minutes completely reversed matters and Brighton pass into the third round.

First Alan Tubb floated a ball from well out which hit the inside of a post and went in. Two minutes later, there was a remarkable goalmouth incident, where Brighton forwards had four attempts at ramming the ball in, before Johnny Irvine made sure.

With eight minutes left, Irvine chipped over a beauty and Billy Lewis rose high to nod it into the net for a winner that never seemed likely for most of the game.

Corio fought well and McCulcan at centre half and Ken Meadows were outstanding.

Bobby Evans, brought in from the Res

GEORGE YELLAND PREVIEW

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FEDERATION CUP SHOCKS

Four more First Division sides ousted from the competition, making it six in the first two rounds.

With Sunshine City and Keilor City the only Metropolitan clubs to boycott the competition, there are now only four First Division clubs left and at least one of these must go next Saturday, in round three.

LOWER DIVISIONS

Surprising feature of the demise of top clubs, is the fact that four of them succumbed to sides from lower divisions of the League.

This illustrates two important aspects.

The tremendous improvement in standard, of Metropolitan Soccer, particularly at lower levels and the spicy unpredictability of sudden death competitions.

The reintroduction of the Federation Cup several years ago, was one of the wisest moves made by the Metropolitan Management Committee.

It is fast becoming a glamour competition, carrying prestige and putting the icing on the Metro's yearly competition cake.

INTEREST

Clubs in all divisions see themselves as potential winners and their determined and serious approach to each round is making the Federation Cup far more important to the Met than the Dockerty Cup, which is so heavily loaded in favour of State League, that that competition is now little more than a variation on the State League Cup.

At least three clubs in divisions lower than the first, assured me that they will win the Federation Cup, after last Saturday's round. One of them could do it, as well.

It all adds up to an absorbing round three, on Saturday.

GREAT THIRD ROUND

Eight unpredictable games, constitute a great third Round. Not one of the encounters could be described as a foregone conclusion. Of the 16 teams involved, no less than SIX come from the Third Division.

Of the remaining ten, four are from Division One, three from Division Two and three from Division Four.

In a further breakdown, four of the clubs are in the lower half of their respective divisions and four others achieved promotion this year. If there is no radical change in Metropolitan constitution for season 1975, the management committee might give serious thought to extending the competition to include the Provisional League.

EXTENSION
OF THE MET.

The Provisional League is the forgotten "appendage" of the Metropolitan. Confined to a water tight competition, clubs stagnate through lack of opportunity. Many of these clubs have facilities, organisation and financial backing, far superior to the more favoured clubs playing under the Metro banner.

After all, the Provisional League, is really the "Metropolitan" Provisional League.

They have to answer to the same I and D Committee and play directly under VSF direction, but have no competition outside their own league and no automatic promotion and relegation system. This shortsighted injustice should receive immediate and serious attention.

ALL Metropolitan clubs, plus the Provisional League, should be invited to compete and make this cup competition really great.

The best answer, would be to make the Provisional League, Division Five of the Met., but that is another matter, not directly related to this cup competition.

MORE SHOCKS AHEAD

It is bad enough trying to predict the outcome of League games, where form is some sort of guide.

Cup games are a nightmare to predict.

Inevitably there will be more shocks ahead and results will confound those foolish enough to try predicting the last eight, however, here is how I see the games and their outcomes.

Park Rangers, after running to extra time against two Fourth Division clubs, in the first two rounds, have a home game against the rough, tough, no nonsense Doveton, who slammed in 13 goals against Broadmeadows, last Saturday. Of course, Broadmeadows had that all important promotion battle on Sunday, which meant a much weakened side at Doveton, but the Dandenong side have improved out of sight in the late stages of the season.

Rangers are capable of brilliance and on their day could down any team in their division, on the smooth surface of Middle Park. I take Rangers to win narrowly.

Heidelberg will entertain Fourth Division side Clayton, at Hawker Street and should win.

However, points to consider are the complete unpredictability of both clubs. They are capable of rising to great heights. They are both guilty of some dismal performances.

Physically, Heidelberg are probably the stronger, but Clayton can play top class Soccer, on their day.

This one could go either way, but taking everything into consideration, I must go for Heidelberg to win.

DIVISION ONE
MEETING

Altona City received a bye in the first round, but have not had very good luck in their draws for rounds two and three.

Last week, they had a tough time before down-

ing Essendon Lions and now have to face Albion Rovers, at Selwyn Park.

It is the only game involving two First Division clubs and in spite of being drawn away from home, I think the Altona boys will pass into the quarter finals.

At this stage, Altona must be regarded as favourites to win the trophy, which they last won, two years ago, with that great victory over Slavia, at Olympic Park.

Frankston City were pushed all the way at Bonbeach and Third Division Chelsea could be regarded as unfortunate to get nothing out of the encounter.

Eltham face up to them, at Seaford Reserve, on Saturday and although their opposition comes from Division Three, Frankston cannot afford to take the match lightly.

Eltham have hit their straps at the right time. Last week, they visited Ormond Park and clearly defeated the powerful Essendon City. They will push Frankston all the way and could provide one of the shock results.

On balance, I must go for Frankston because they have the skill and experience, but they will have to snap out of the lethargic approach, particularly in attack, which has lost them so many points this season.

OUTSTANDING GAME

Collier Street should see a large crowd for the meeting of old rivals Preston and Dandenong City.

This should provide the outstanding game in round three.

On paper, Preston should win. They are third on the First Division ladder, have scored 12 goals without reply in their first two rounds and currently, are cup holders.

Dandenong have also scored 12 times in the first two rounds, but have conceded three.

Preston played away to third bottom Mornington, of the Fourth Division, and last Saturday thrashed Caulfield City, third bottom in the Third Division, at Collier Street.

Dandenong dealt severely with second bottom, Fourth Division side Rosebud and last week downed Green Gully, more easily than the score suggests. Green Gully finished the season only three places below Preston, on the First Division ladder.

The stage is set for a great battle, but ground advantage should just swing it Preston's way.

I do not rule out a shock result in this game, for Dandenong are dead keen to take the Federation Cup.

REPEAT
PERFORMANCE?

The one match in round three, to be played outside the Metropolitan area, is at Geelong, where Bell Park, champions of Division Four, entertain Waverley City, champions of Division Two.

It will be a fascinating repeat meeting, for the teams met on the same ground, earlier in the season, in the Dockerty Cup.

Bell Park won 3-2 and will be eager to repeat that performance.

Waverley are a much more sophisticated side since that meeting and should reverse the earlier result.

They crushed First Division opposition from

Western Suburbs in the first round, but made heavy weather of their game against Princes Park, last Saturday.

Bell Park had a bye in the first round and were taken to extra time by Second Division Newport last week.

It all adds up to an intriguing situation, with the result very much in the balance.

Waverley, another club with covetous eyes on the cup, are not likely to make the same mistakes this time and I expect them to win, even if it involves extra time, or a replay.

BAD GROUND

The Richmond, Bayswater tie is deserving of a much better playing area than Burnley Oval. Both sides play clever Soccer. Both sides give 90 minutes of solid effort. On a surface like Dendy Park, or Seaford Reserve, I would rate this, one of the round's outstanding ties.

Burnley Oval does not lend itself to finesse or clever ball play, with the result that the team best equipped with the long ball, direct approach technique, will emerge victorious.

Because it is their home ground, I believe Richmond will win, but don't discount Bayswater's meritorious win at Fox Street over First Division side St Albans, last round.

DRAWN GAME

Brighton drew at Corio last Saturday and had to replay on Sunday.

The very conservative Brighton council will not allow Brighton seniors to use Dendy Street, on Sundays, so the game was played at Sillitoe Reserve, home of Sandringham City.

Playing without five regulars, Brighton seemed in danger of losing the replay, but a late burst of three goals in seven minutes gave them the right to entertain University in the Third Round, on Saturday.

University have two fine victories to their credit, so far. They downed Second Division Croydon City in the first round and Prahran City, another Second Division side, last week. Both these were home games and it will not be so easy at Dendy Street, this week.

If Brighton's injured players are back, the home side should win. If not, the enthusiastic students are capable of yet another shock.

GREAT GAMES

Whatever the eventual outcome, Metro Soccer followers are assured of eight great games on Saturday, so roll up in your thousands to Como Park Prahran, Hawker Street, Heidelberg, Seaford Reserve Frankston, Collier Street Preston, Dendy Street Brighton, Selwyn Park Sunshine, Bell Park Geelong and Burnley Oval Richmond.

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Tommy Fox receives a congratulatory kiss from his wife after receiving Preston Soccer Club's senior Best and Fairest trophy for season 1974.



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Mr George Wallace, VSF secretary, presents the senior Best and Fairest award to an obviously delighted Tom Fox, at the Preston Soccer Club's Presentation Night, last Friday.

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SYDNEY SOCCER SCENE

BY JACK DANIELS AND OSCAR BROWN

THE BIG question on everybody's lips in Australian football at the moment is has Rale Rasic's reign as Australia's national coach come to an end?

For when Rasic flew out of Sydney last Saturday on his World tour with Socceroo Ray Richards and their wives, his outlook and feeling towards the Australian Football Federation was one of bitterness and disappointment.

This was the result of an unholy row that had blown up between Rasic and the ASF during mid-week over promised World Cup bonuses.

Rasic claims that he has not been paid the bonuses promised to him in Germany.

In fact he has gone as far as putting the matter into the hands of his solicitors.

The ASF on their hand claim that no bonuses to either Rasic or the players will be paid until they receive their share of the receipts for their participation of the World Cup final series in Germany.

This they claim was agreed upon by the players and the coach before the team left for Germany.

Whatever the outcome the whole matter is rather sad as Australia under Rasic got success beyond all hopes in Germany.

If a parting of the ways does come it will be a sad day as both Rasic and the Australian Football Federation have been good for Australian Soccer over the past four years.

Meanwhile with the possibility of either Rasic not prepared to continue as coach or not being re-elected, the name of Sir Alf Ramsey has been bandied about as a possible Australian boss for the next World Cup series in Argentina.

Whether or not Sir Alf would even contemplate coming to the colonies for four years to take charge of the Socceroos is debatable but he certainly has the credentials for the job.

He won the World Cup with England in 1966 but since then he was sacked after his very defensive views.

Born in 1920, and nicknamed the "General" in his playing days, worthy of elevation to "Field-Marshal" on becoming head of the national team.

Ramsey's managerial career had been one contrast from the start, his ability to build fine teams and command unswerving loyalty being combined with a habit of alienating certain people, particularly journalists.

He was ridiculed for over-confidence when announcing that England would win the World Cup as early as 1963, and officially censured for calling the Argentine players "animals" after the brutal semi-final.

But Ramsey had the last word when England won, a feat he greeted with his usual icy calm.

He revealed the same impulsive exterior four years later after the remarkable quarter final defeat by West Germany in Mexico stubbornly insisting that he had been right to make two substitutes in defence of a 2-0 lead.

For all his apparent score of public relations Ramsay undoubtedly had

ably scoff at the offer of the Australian job and would probably not be prepared to leave his beloved England.

Of course maybe this would be just as well, for it seems no way that Australian Soccer in its present stage of chaos is

ready for a man with the reputation of Sir Alf!

By OSCAR BROWN



Could this be a Socceroo scene of the future? as a flashback shows former English team manager, Sir Alf Ramsey, the team through its paces before an important match.



Ati Abonyi (with cake) celebrating a birthday with his Socceroo mates (l to r) Adrian Alston, George Harris, Max Tolson, Jim Mackay and Ray Baartz. Abonyi had another birthday on Wednesday when he scored four against Adamstown Rosebuds in the Rothmans Cup.

MAJOR SEMI-FINALS

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs 2 (Barnes 2) d Apia Leichhardt 1 (Rooney) at Sydney Sports ground.

Crowd: 5435.

Striker Murray Barnes put all his experience with Leeds United to good use in piloting Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs to a 2-1 semi-final win over Apia-Leichhardt at Sydney Sports ground on Sunday.

Coming on in the 79th minute after playing a gruelling reserve grade match, Barnes netted twice in a game that lasted 120 minutes after the teams were locked at 1-all at fulltime.

The 1974 premiers Hakoah now face up to their sixth Grand Final since their first appearance in the championship series in 1961, their only defeat being in last year's clash with Marconi-Fairfield.

Barnes' first goal came five minutes after he had taken over as striker from Jim Magill.

He had an enormous say in their "push and run" team which won the championships of the second and first divisions in successive seasons (1949-51) and was worth every one of his 32 caps.

Ramsey would prob-

ably have emulated everywhere.

But Ramsey's innate caution turned into an even more defensive attitude the 4-3-3 system being amended to 4-2-2.

By 1972 midway through the buildup to another World Cup, England were as difficult to beat as ever, but having to work desperately hard for every success.

And if any nation was to be copied it was Brazil and in the latter day Holland, with their genius for self-expression unfettered by rigid methodism.

Ramsey's tactical skill had helped to overcome a serious deficiency in pace throughout his playing career as a full-back with Southampton and Spurs.

He atoned by his positional play and superb use of the ball so that, although he was the slowest player in the Tottenham team, he was one of the most important.

His deflection caused the ball to spin from the fingers of Apia goalkeeper John Roberts and into the net.

His second goal in the 111th minute resulted from a first class shot. He steered the ball a metre

inside the far post for a winner all the way.

Barnes who had a spell with Leeds as a junior, brought much needed punch to the Hakoah attack and certainly earned a place in his side's Grand Final team.

Hakoah's domination came with the appearance of second half replacements Kevin Mullen and Barnes.

They started to feed the wings giving the dynamic little Joe Watson a chance to sparkle.

At the same time, Apia defenders Bob McGinn and Ken Jenkins began to fade and Hakoah got right on top.

At fulltime, Apia coach Tom Anderson brought on Vic Dal Forno and Malcolm Clarke for the injured Peter Ollerton and veteran George Blues.

Unluckily, for Apia, the move misfired although Dal Forno went very close towards the end.

Manly v Balgownie.

Manly resisted furious attacks by Balgownie in the last ten minutes to score a 1-0 victory in the Second Division final at Garside Park on Sunday.

Balgownie star midfielder, Hugh Tinney was out with an ankle injury

and the team could not find the gaps to score despite midfield domination.

They stormed the Manly goal in the initial ten minutes forcing several corners but could not sustain the pressure.

In the 14th minute Manly goalkeeper Clarke Woods saved a tremendous shot from Balgownie centre-forward Wayne Ronald.

Steve Gosling, the Manly winger, was unlucky not to open the score in the 23rd minute when his shot towards an unguarded net was cleared off the line by full-back John Crocker.

However, a minute later Manly were one goal up when midfielder Ken Mallam found the net with an angled drive from the edge of the penalty area.

Five minutes after the interval Manly could have gone further ahead, but for a brilliant save by Balgownie goalkeeper Phil Luskin.

Young striker, Ruli Rozendaal dribbled past two defenders but kicked straight to the goalkeeper.

Marconi's display highlighted just why they have been in trouble all season.

The blend that makes good teams is missing and many of their experienced players are playing well within themselves and leaving the youngsters to do all the work.

1974 ROTHMANS STATE CUP

Just what has happened to soccer in Northern NSW, the traditional home of the code in Australia?

This question must be asked after St George's 9-1 defeat of Adamstown Rosebuds in the 7th round of the \$6000 Rothmans Cup last Wednesday night.

Old-timers constantly talk about the great players and teams from the northern coal fields, recalling that, not too many years ago, Newcastle sides were always a match for the best in Sydney.

Now it seems that Newcastle teams have slipped way behind their Sydney counterparts and some drastic rethinking is needed up in Newcastle to bring their game in line with that of their big brothers in Sydney.

The feature of Wednesday night's double headers played at the Sydney Sports Ground and at Garside Park, Granville was the four goals by Socceroo Ati Abonyi for St George against Adamstown.

Abonyi ran riot and his skill and speed were something that the Newcastle team had no answer to.

Reports on Wednesday's game —

ST GEORGE 9 d ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUDS 1 at the Sydney Sports Ground.

This complete annihilation of the Novocastrians was highlighted by the four goals from Ati Abonyi and another three from his fellow striker Terry Smith.

The Newcastle team although opening the scoring by a fine goal from their striker Graham Bull had no chance from the outset.

They were at least three yards slower in speed and thought than the Saints who redeemed themselves after their poor showing against Wests in the championship semi-final last Sunday.

With player-coach John Warren reinstated back to the Saints midfield the Saints called all the shots and won as they liked.

Scorers — Saints — Abonyi 4, Smith 3, Morgan, Warren. Adamstown Rosebuds — Bull.

Best Players — Saints — John McDonald, Willie Hamilton, Harry Williams. Adamstown Rosebuds — Graham Bull, Denis Wright.

HAKOAH 3 d MARCONI 0 at the Sydney Sports Ground.

Although the Sydney premiers won this game very comfortably they at no time produced the brilliant football that they are capable of.

Much of their game was played in patches and if the young Marconi outfit had been able to take the easiest of chances that popped up the result may have been different.

Marconi's display highlighted just why they have been in trouble all season.

The blend that makes good teams is missing and many of their experienced players are playing well within themselves and leaving the youngsters to do all the work.

A sad note for Hakoah on this occasion was that they lost their brilliant striker Joe Fletcher with a badly pulled hamstring muscle.

Scorers — Hakoah — Fletcher, Morrow, Munis.

Best Players — Hakoah — Jim Mackay, John Watkiss, Tom Morrow. Marconi — Bill Murray, Billy Sinclair, Stuart Robertson.

AUBURN 3 d SUTHERLAND 0 at Garside Park, Granville.

Auburn produced another of their surprises when they easily disposed of Sutherland in a game that was marred by miskicks and bad passing.

At the start Sutherland looked as if they were going to run away with the game and Auburn looked a disjointed lot.

However livewire striker Dave Keddie grabbed half a chance to put Auburn ahead and from that minute onward Sutherland burst like a paper bag and never had a look in.

Scorers — Auburn — Keddie, Gibson, Bennett o.g.

Best Players — Auburn — Dave Keddie, Frank Malone, Alan Gibson. Sutherland — Col Bennett, Alan Maher.

BALGOWNIE 2 d CANTERBURY 1 at Garside Park, Granville.

Second Division minnows Balgownie shocked Canterbury when they came from behind to score a very creditable win.

The Berries went ahead when Peter Mullen scored early on but Balgownie fought back with great determination.

Play got very rugged and rough midway through the second half and Balgownie were reduced to 10 men when they had Steve Langford sent off.

But this did not deter them and they grabbed two goals to take them merrily into the next round.

Scorers — Balgownie — Luck, Ronald. Canterbury — Mullen.

Best Players — Balgownie — Rodney Luck, Way Ronald. Canterbury — Peter Muller, Joe Whitehead.

All the winners of this round pocket \$500 in prize money and move into the quarter-finals.

THIS WEEK'S 7TH ROUND GAMES — WEDNESDAY

WESTS v NEW LAMBTON at the Sydney Sports Ground.

PAN HELLENIC v SAFEWAY at the Sydney Sports Ground.

APIA v GUILDFORD at Garside Park, Granville.

CROATIA v YUGAL-PRAGUE at Garside Park, Granville.

By OSCAR BROWN

SOCCER POOLS ARE COMING !

The big names in Sydney soccer are retiring thick and fast and the latest to announce his retirement at the end of the current season is Apia's brilliant veteran winger Georgie Blues.

On the eve of his club's major semi-final clash with Hakoah at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday, Blues announced he would hang up his boots at the end of the season.

Following Manfred Schaefer's announcement last week that he was on his last roundup Blues announcement comes as a shock and he will be missed from the Sydney scene.

However before Blues made his announcement he had obviously talked the matter over thoroughly with his Apia boss Tommy Anderson.

With the result being that Blues will be seconded on to Anderson's coaching panel at the Apia club next year.

His experience will be valuable to the Apia youngsters and under the shrewd guidance of Anderson, Blues should develop into a useful coach.

The evergreen winger, however, hopes to end his playing career on a high note and in the same manner which marked his first season with Apia in 1969, by winning the Sydney club championship.

"I think that the chances are great," Blues said before he trooped on to the field against Hakoah on Sunday.

"We have a great side here at Apia and under the guidance of Tommy Anderson, this team has only started on its way to great heights."

During Apia's success this season, Blues has been one of the team's trump cards.

He has been the man who passed the ammunition to Apia's blockbusting strikers Peter Ollerton and Billy Rogers.

Only 5ft 6in, Blues, as many a rival has found to his cost, is always liable to produce an explosive match-winning burst.

Few wingers in Sydney can cross a ball with such deadly accuracy either on the move, from a free kick or a corner and his uncanny switching with team-mate Terry Butler has baffled the best of defences.

But after 17 years at the top, Blues 34, has

done in soccer with some positive and professional thinking.

When this happened many people shook their heads in disbelief.

They stated that in no way could both Bayutti and Anderson agree as they are both forthright and at times explosive characters.

But oh how wrong the critics have been proved and this partnership has proved to be one of the most fruitful and most successful ever in Sydney Soccer.

Bayutti has left Anderson to stand or fall by his own decisions and Anderson has kept well out of all football politics.

This works very well and was even boosted when former player George Keith was made club secretary.

Soon after Anderson took over the team duties, he dropped Keith from the first team and said in as many words that as far as he was concerned he was not in his future plans as a player.

However he was much in the plans of the club and Bayutti who was well aware of Keith's fine administration skills.

Now this combination is supreme and Apia are run as a thorough professional club.

The plush social club under the wary eye of President Bayutti is booming with the membership now at 13,000.

The many restaurants, entertainments and amenities for the members are the best in Sydney and this will be even bettered in the com-

ing year. Under Anderson the team has been completely rebuilt, mainly with Victorians of whom Anderson has a high regard.

Despite his great success this year, Anderson is going to have a complete clear out and will reduce his present playing staff of 36 to a small total of 15.

New players will be signed and already this Scot is looking towards Victoria for a replacement or two.

He will also reconstruct the coaching panel at the club and a Junior director of coaching will be appointed in a month or so.

This paid Junior director will have a number of junior coaches working under him in a uniformed fashion to comb out and find and coach the best youngsters in the Leichhardt area to try and produce stars of the future.

He will also have two senior coaches working under him with himself controlling the panel as well as coaching the first team.

With Keith looking after the administration in his own expert manner and the man at the top Big Jim Bayutti presiding over it all Apia's future is guaranteed.

By their professional approach Apia have shown the way to all clubs in Australia.

And if Soccer is to really become the big-time game it is overseas, every other club in Australia should follow Apia's great example.

By JACK DANIELS

WITH Hakoah firmly placed in this year's Grand Final Apia and St George now fight it out at the Sports Ground on Sunday for the right to meet them.

The big question is — Can Apia lick their wounds and pull themselves off the ground and come back fighting?

After dominating the game against Hakoah last week for more than 80 minutes they were completely shattered when Hakoah came back and won the game in extra time.

They also have a Rothmans Cup game against second division Guildford on Wednesday night on their heavy programme before they meet the Saints.

After such a moral deflating time Apia must go into this game as the underdogs.

For the Saints with their tails held high in the air and with Atti Abonyi and John Warren in such a dominating mood could really knock

WHAT do the flies do in the winter time — or what's more to the point what do the leading Sydney Soccer coaches do in the summer time?

Well as far as top coaches Tom Anderson of Apia, David Maclaren of Hakoah and Rale Rasic of Pan Hellenic are concerned it's a case of packing their suitcases and off overseas to brush up their knowledge.

With his team unable to make the top four Rasic has already gone with his wife and Socceroo Ray Richards to spend time in Spain and Yugoslavia, as we reported a couple of weeks ago.

Hakoah's David Maclaren is off at the end of October to Scotland and England where he will spend two months soaking in the atmosphere and learning the new methods.

It's two years since Maclaren was over there and he is of the opinion that a coach must not be away from the top professional scene for longer than this if he is to keep in touch with the modern ideas.

During his stay over in Britain Maclaren will visit his former club Wolverhampton Wanderers and Aston Villa where his brother Roy is coach.

Anderson will be off to Italy where he will spend time with top Italian clubs Juventus, Roma and Milan.

Having spent three months working at the

bourne Juventus has never played this season.

However the position for Apia is desperation stakes and McGuire will probably be brought back into the picture.

If Saints get an early goal they will win as Apia will be shellshocked after all the bad luck that has befall them in recent weeks.

Likely teams — SAINTS; Jim Fraser, George Harris, Manfred Schaefer, Doug Utjesenovic, Harry Williams; John Warren, Willie Hamilton, Brendan Gross; Atti Abonyi, Neville Morgan, John Stoddard.

APIA — Dave McGuire, Bobby McGinn, John McGhee, John Russell, Kenny Jenkins; John Wallace, Jimmy Rooney, Billy Rogers; George Blues, Peter Ollerton, Terry Butler.

By JACK DANIELS

ian first division football is one of the best competitions in the world.

These three men have proved this season to be out on their own as far as coaching is concerned and their thirst for knowledge will no doubt benefit their clubs and Australian football.

They will all be back in Sydney to start their pre-season training before the end of the year.

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SYDNEY'S favourite Soccer son "Noddy" Alston has settled in well with English first division club Luton Town since joining them a few months ago.

Noddy has gained a permanent place in the Luton first team and scored the goal that gave his team a midweek victory over Bristol Rovers in the League Cup.

In a letter to a Sydney friend this week Alston said that he and his wife and family were happily settled in Luton and he was enjoying himself as a full-time professional.

what talent there is available in Australia and how a number of the other Socceroos would fare over there.

For example Peter Ollerton always a much better goalscorer than Alston and a more dangerous striker, must surely be a natural for the English scene.

Midfielder Jimmy Rooney and defender Col Curran, two players with great skill and ability would also be two naturals.

And as for Socceroo skipper Peter Wilson, well he proved in Germany that he could perform well in any team in the world at any level.

An interesting item to note from Alston is that despite the undoubtedly class of defenders he is playing against in England, he still rates the West German fullback Berti Vogts as the best defender he has played against so far.

Vogts, of course, was one of West Germany's stars in their capture of the World Cup in Munich in July.

To Alston, all of his Sydney friends and fans with him the best of luck in his new English career and on behalf of all in Australian football all that can be said is — "Haste Ye Back"!

By JACK DANIELS



George Blues receiving his medal after winning the Rothmans award in 1971. On the left is former NSW President Frank Parsons.

AFTER a number of years in the wilderness APIA are back on top and are without doubt the leading club in Sydney and Australia.

The glory days of the early sixties are back with a bang at Leichhardt as the team goes striding forth to success after success.

The new re-incarnation of Apia has come about by two things — the first is that the Apia club President Big Jim Bayutti scrapped the

Soccer club committee and the club has taken control of the Soccer once again.

The second that as President Bayutti appointed Tom Anderson as manager/coach to run all the Soccer affairs.

This combination has worked wonders and has shown just what can be



His success in England makes one think just

SOCER GOSSIP

TONY CHARLTON, compere of GTV9's Live Soccer, would like more co-operation from soccer clubs and the VSF with his weekly telecasts of State League games. We think he deserves it. Remember the big send off GTV9 received when they launched their first live State League soccer match from Olympic park? There were about 4,000 juniors present on that day. Why can't we see more of this.

Last Saturday the Doveton and Seaford juniors did their bit during half time. Why not a few more junior supporters at these shows? Is it asking too much?

MIKE MICEVSKI, the Hakoah St Kilda striker, is to be congratulated on finding his shooting boots at long last. He must feel proud to have found the net for the first time in months at Footscray Road on Saturday.

He must feel even more proud that Hakoah beat George Cross 2-1 and that he scored one of the winning goals. His fine play and performance has given courage to the team and the club committee who were beginning to feel depressed with so many defeats and near misses in recent weeks. Even coach Sam Meyer is smiling again!

The defeat came as a big shock to George Cross but top scorer Paul Murphy managed to bang one in and join Jim Armstrong (Hellas) on 17 goals at the top of the goalscorers' list with a chance of the \$1000 Courage Breweries prize for our No 1 scorer this season.

FRANK DONACHIE, Fitzroy United Alexander striker, has been worth his weight in gold to the club since he joined them early this season. He's netted 14 goals for the club and his brilliant hat-trick on Sunday against Keilor puts him within a goal or two of the leaders for the Courage \$1000 top scorer award. Can he improve enough during the last two games to have a chance of taking out the big prize?

BIG GAME in Scotland last week finished with another victory for Rangers when they beat Celtic 2-1 in Scottish Division One.

JUVENTUS FANS were thrilled to see their star forward Billy Vojtek score the equaliser against Mooroolbark at Olympic Park on Sunday. It was Billy's second goal since he joined the club from Croatia club in Sydney.

What a pity his team mates couldn't go on with the job and win. Mooroolbark won the game because they controlled the ball better on the heavy ground and their astute player coach Brian Edgeley headed home the winner.

BRISTOL ROVERS hope to get Newcastle midfield man Tommy Gibb this week. The player has arranged to meet them to discuss terms. And Bristol City are set to make a \$60,000 bid for Oxford's listed striker Hugh Curran.

SOUTHEND IN the English third division could start a transfer spiral by buying Carlisle striker Frank Clarke who has asked for a move. They've made the initial inquiry and if they buy they'll let Chris Guthrie go to Millwall.

That will speed up Alf Wood's move from The Den. Aston Villa are strong favourites to get him.

IT WAS no day for Jim Armstrong at Middle Park on Saturday. He was well covered by Slavia's Frank Campbell while Armstrong battled to add to his 17 goal tally for Hellas his nearest rival in the goalscorers competition Paul Murphy, scored for George Cross at Footscray Road to join him at the top of the list.

NICK NECHVOGLOD, the South Melbourne Hellas forward, was unimpressive at Middle Park on Saturday. It is obvious he's not the player he was when he lived in Melbourne. Nick now lives, works and trains in Adelaide and travels to Melbourne every weekend (at Hellas' expense) to play for the South Melbourne club. He will have to improve otherwise the club will tell him to remain in South Australia for good.

IAN MARSHALL returned to Hellas after his dispute with coach Johnny Margaritis last weekend and he gave a good account of himself in mid-field. In fact he was one of the best players on the ground. He more than made up for the absence of star mid-field player Peter Bourne who was out with a groin injury. Peter told us he would be fit to turn out this weekend.

STEVE WALKER played a great game for Hellas and confirmed his half time comment over GTV9 ("I am happy we scored early. We will have the breeze with us in the second half").

So, where do we go from here? We hope Sir Arthur on his long flight back to Sydney this week will come up with a trump card.

VICTORIANS for the first time on Sunday were shown how to fill in a soccer coupon. The demonstration was given on HSV7's World of Sport by none other than the boss of the Australian Soccer Pools company, Mr Robert Nesfield.

He certainly knew what he was talking about. He had served a long apprenticeship with the big English company of Vernons as overseas manager before being promoted to General

MIKE O'HARA, Slavia's goal keeper, had no hope in saving the "banana shot" of Greek superstar Ulysses Kokkinos when he took the free kick from 35 metres out.

The cocky Kokkinos saw an opening in the wall of Slavia defenders and sliced the ball through it watching it curve into the corner of the net. Kokkinos' second goal was more difficult. The superstar beat a defender spin round on the ball and drew O'Hara out of his net. Then calmly, using his head, he out thought the keeper by lobbing the ball over his head into the net. It was Kokkinos' brilliance which won the game for Hellas and put them in the "box seat" for this year's championship.

BOBBY KENT, George Train and Ian Humble couldn't break through the strong wall of Hellas led by Johnny Bedford and Johnny Daperis. The South Melbourne side played more like a championship team Saturday obviously aware of their position on the ladder.

HOW MANY soccer fans knew the "Irishman" Mike O'Hara who keeps goal for Slavia is really a German. He was born in Cologne, West Germany on September 2, 1950.

FORMER WILHELMINA junior Alan Pongho scored a great goal from a Mike Sinclair cross when he headed the ball past goalie Mike Harby (Juventus) at Olympic Park on Sunday.

IT LOOKS as if the Australian Soccer Federation have made their biggest booboo since they came into power. Last weekend news came from Teheran that we had not gained admission to the Asian Soccer Confederation. We were outvoted 14-5 and are now left alone in Asia with no true competition.

Earlier Sir Arthur George ASF President decided to quit Oceania and try our luck in Asia. He thought we would get better competition in the Pacific, but what happens now? The Asians don't want us, nor does New Zealand, New Caledonia or Tahiti.

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Manager of the Australian company.

He told viewers they could win \$450,000 for as little as a 40c investment.

At the end of his brief session footy's funny man Lou Richards presented him with a Magnum of champagne, a razor and a book on the Melbourne Cup. Mr Nesfield said afterwards he would open the bubbly on the day he launched the pools in Victoria — October 26.

A COMBINED team of South Melbourne Hellas and Alexander will play Pan Hellenic of Sydney at Middle Park on Show Day, Thursday, 26th September, 3 p.m.

The curtain raiser will be between old players of Hellas and Alexander. All proceeds will go to the Cypriot Refugees Fund.

Mr Sam Papasavas, President of Hellas, organised the game. It is hoped that the captain of the Australian team Peter Wilson, Socceroos Ray Richards and Jim Rooney will play.

FRANK WEIMPER

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Frank said Jim had pulled his hamstring muscle and it would be at least two weeks before he would play again.

KNOX KNOTS By FRED FAIRBURN MUD MARS MATCHES

More than 60 parents and juniors of Boronia Soccer Club turned up at Tormore Road for the friendly matches arranged for 11 a.m. last Sunday.

As the soccer pitch had been made unplayable by the previous two days rain the intended visitors, South Dandenong, had been informed of the event's postponement.

Arrangements are now to play the series at South Dandenong next Sunday provided the weather is fine. All to meet at the Boronia High School Community Library Car Park at 11 a.m. says Secretary, Tom Murphy (Tel. 762-4884).

ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITY

Though the matches could not take place lively practice was the order for two hours on another section of the school grounds where the heaviest downpours never seriously affect playing conditions.

Bright sunshine enabled coaches Brian Gravatt and Ken Landman to put in some effective training for the youngsters who soon began casting off surplus clothing.

Gathered parents transacted organisational business and officials did a little surveying and measuring work on the soccer pitch preparing for its restructuring.

FURTHER FILMS

Another Film Night is to be held in Room 13 at the High School on Thursday, October 3rd. Titles not yet available but there will be no training that evening.

Tuesday and Thursday training now commences at 4.45 p.m. as the evenings become lighter.

ALTONA AHoy! Altona Soccer Club are hosting Boronia S.C. in friendlies on Sunday, September 29 at 1 p.m. for the Seniors and 11 to 14 age group. If enough people show desire to travel in comfort by

ACCORDING TO VSF Secretary, Mr George Wallace, our soccer public has "grown up". He was referring to the incident at Olympic Park when a spectator jumped the fence and flattened referee Jim Dixon. According to Mr Wallace the public behaved very well by not running on to the ground and causing a riot.

It was interesting to see that the culprit was fined \$100 in the civil court, and this should act as a warning to anyone else who contemplated taking on our whistle men who do an excellent job under difficult circumstances on our soccer grounds every week.

It was also pleasing to see that the tribunal did not punish the two clubs involved, Alexander and George Cross.

TONY CHARLTON tells us that the Amateur Athletics set up in Victoria has a new look. They have arranged for Bob Morrow who won three gold medals at the 1956 games to be their guest of honour in the Great Hall of the National Gallery on October 10.

Guests will include Shirley Strickland, John Landy, Merv Lincoln "golden girl" Betty Cuthbert and Ron Clarke.

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FRANKSTON

Three more members of the Frankston and Peninsula Junior Soccer Coaches' Association.



JIM FERRIS, Frankston Pines Under 14 coach.

Jim was born in Belfast, where he played in local teams and has been in Australia 11 years. He completed the coaching course in 1972.

Jim can always be found helping in some capacity at Pines, whether it be coaching or managing a team, marking grounds or erecting nets.

Jim's son David, now with Melbourne's Under 14s, played with Pines juniors for 3 years.

JOE Skvor (left) and Harry Leenstra (right),

manager and coach respectively of Frankston Pines Under 11s.

Joe Skvor hails from Czechoslovakia and partly due to soccer, has settled happily in Australia.

He coached the 8 and 9 year olds at Pines prior to his present job with the Under 11s. He is an ardent Pines supporter, both senior and junior wise and a valued club member.

Joe and his partner, Joe Mirsch are well known as caterers at Frankston clubs. Joe's son, Michael is right wing with the Pines Under 13s.

Harry Leenstra, born in Friesland, Holland has been in Australia for 17 years. He started off following Frankston City as a supporter, then joined Pines 5 years ago.

He has given a lot of his time to the juniors of this club and is currently under 11 coach.

Harry is an official referee, having passed the course in 1973 and he can be called upon to referee or flag at any time.

His two sons Otto (Under 14) and Ronnie (Under 11) are talented Pines juniors.

MORELAND MEADOWS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB NEWS

REFEREES COURSE

Members and friends of the club recently completed a Referees Course and we are pleased to announce that we now have eight accredited referees. Our thanks to Bernie Finnigan, our lecturer, who made the course so interesting.

As a result of the course, a meeting is to be held to form a branch of accredited referees the aim being to train more referees for the North Yarra Region. (See separate notice in this issue.)

COMING EVENTS

September 22: Under 9 v Melbourne (home) League match.

October 5: Under 10 team in Carnival at Mossfield, 6.30 to 1.30 First Annual Ball — Brunswick Town Hall.

October 6: Moreland Meadows v Watsonia Hts. Cup Competition.

October 13: Presentation Day at Donneybrook.

October 20: Mystery Car Tour — Fun for the family.

October 27: Carnival Matches.

November 2/3: Away Trip for Club.

ROUND 22

Played on Sunday, 8th September

B.I.T. v Echuca 4-0. Castlemaine v Colts 6-3. Seymour v Puckapunyal 0-4. Strathdale v Golden City 1-2.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

Answers to last week's quiz:

1) When does a referee add on time for that lost because of injury?

2) For what other reason can a referee add on time?

3) Under what conditions can a referee change his decision?

4) What is the minimum distance between touch line and penalty area?

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Although finally going down by 7 goals to 1 Boronia began well and were first to score.

Lack of stamina took its toll against a more experienced Croydon who had the ability to make the ball do most of the work.

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SOCER WEEK PREVIEW

by JOHN MARTIN

BIG GAME this weekend will be at Schintler Reserve where Footscray JUST will play George Cross on Sunday.

Can George Cross improve on last week's performance against Hakoah and produce the old killer touch their followers have been used to during the early part of the season.

I think they can and so too does their coach Ken Patterson. It needs a 100 percent effort from all the George Cross side. It's no good having Paul Murphy chasing every ball up front if the defenders are taking it easy in defence.

This game will be a real crowd pleaser. Footscray are determined to prove that they belong in the top four and they must win this to stay there.

JUST have come good at the right time. They've saved face with their supporters and Frank Micic is still the general of the side leading the way to goal.

We can expect plenty of action here. All Murphy's mates will be feeding him every ball when they get within shooting range of World Cup reserve goalie Jimmy Milisavljevic. They'll all want to see him bang a few more in the net to qualify for the \$1000 top goalscorers award Courage Breweries have offered to the No. 1 sharpshooter.

Whoever takes the trouble to go to Footscray Road on Sunday they will be assured of a great game. But if it's wet they'll have to pay me to go there. I'll watch one of the games where there is a grandstand and some cover!

Slavia will be battling to beat Juventus at Olympic Park on Sunday especially after their poor performance against Hellas last week. They'll miss Jim Tansey their strong man in defence who has hamstring trouble. But Jim Train, Frank Campbell, Marshall McCullum and Steve McCombe can be relied upon to work for the full 90 minutes of the game.

Juventus coach Manny Poulakakis wasn't very happy last Sunday when his side crashed to Mooroolbark. This was one game he was hoping to win. He said so during the interval but the boys up the front let him down. They had their chances but didn't take advantage of them.

On Sunday Dino de Marchi and Billy Vojtek will have to play as a team not as individuals like they did last week. It will mean working the ball up one wing and crossing to the man who will eventually smash it into the net. Whether it is de Marchi or Vojtek it doesn't matter but there must be teamwork from the players in the front line.

Pat Della Rocca and Sandy Irvine did their job in the rearguard and they will do it again this week. Perhaps a little more support and a little more ball for David Gorrie could put Juventus in a commanding position against Slavia — an up and down team. It will be interesting to see what Slavia coach John Sanchez and his assist-

placed in second place behind leaders Jim Armstrong (Hellas) and Paul Murphy (George Cross) both on 17 goals while Frank has 14.

The game was just a matter of shooting practice for Alexander. Their fans went wild with excitement as the goals were chalked up throughout the afternoon. George Gillan, Sam Cooke and Pat Bannon all helped make up the score for the visiting team.

Keilor proved they were outclassed and will have to recruit in a big way to hold their own in Metropolitan First Division next season. The competition in this league is going to be fierce and is expected to provide some interesting soccer for those who follow suburban league games.

Nick van Egmond will have his work cut out in Ringwood's goal and so too will Mike Pye who has to take the entire attack on his shoulders when the pressure is on. But in attack Phil Williamson, Gary Cole and Mike Lyn could cause panic with Alexander's defence if they relax. Ringwood are a much better side than their position on the ladder indicates.

This game is likely to produce good soccer. I would not like to forecast the result but on form Fitzroy should take the honours. Ringwood have tons of speed as they proved last week when they raced ahead against Polonia. Another effort like this on Saturday could put the opposition in the hot seat.

Fans of the Mooroolbark United team will get real value for money at Esther Park when they line up in front of Melbourne on Saturday. The Barkers did a good job against Juventus last week and although playing a much tougher side in Melbourne they should produce enough skills to make a game of it.

For Melbourne the man to beat will be Brian Edgley — as usual. He uses his head as we saw last week when he netted the winning goal by nodding it into the net.

Melbourne's strongman Joe Szabo with Alistair Scott will provide a strong wall while Joe Palinkas and young up and coming star Duncan Cummings will be the pair to beat in attack.

Melbourne know how to mix it and a top game will keep the Esther Park fans on their toes here. As for a winner — I'll go for Melbourne.

WEEKEND GOAL FEAST! By JOHN MARTIN

FIVE goals on Saturday and 16 on Sunday. That's 21 goals for the six State League games and that's what our top League sharpshooters served up for the fans last weekend.

Two games at Jubilee Park, Ringwood and Footscray Road, on Sunday produced 12 goals. Ringwood City drew 3-3 with Polonia in a thriller and Fitzroy United Alexander made soccer look easier when they humbled relegation team Keilor Austria 6-0.

At Jubilee Park, Ringwood raced away to a three-goal lead through Mike Pye, Mike Lyn and Gary Cole. But they couldn't maintain it. Polonia piled on the pressure in the second half and leveled the score through Peter Gray, Jan Jaworski and Eddie Marmur.

That "old fox" coach Mike deBraycere, having spent some years with Ringwood City Wilhelmina as player and

ACTION SHOT

Federation Cup, Second Round.

Played at Collier Street, Preston, Saturday, September 14, 1974.

Preston 9 Caulfield City 0.



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LALOR REGION SOCCER LEAGUE

8th September, 1974

UNDER 9

	P	W	D	L	F	Agst	Pts.
S'shine City	19	15	3	1	48	5	33
S'shine H. A	17	13	3	1	57	7	29
Altona	18	10	8		39	6	28
Melton A	17	10	4	3	45	7	24
Sunbury	18	7	4	7	26	20	18
Mossfiel R.	19	6	6	7	20	20	18
St Albans	16	6	5	5	13	14	17
Werribee A	18	6	3	9	22	21	15
S'shine H. B	18	5	4	9	11	19	14
Melton B	18	2	5	11	7	45	9
Albion R.	19	2	3	14	15	43	7
Werribee B	19	—	2	17	2	104	2

UNDER 10

	P	W	D	L	F	Agst	Pts.
Altona	18	17	—	1	57	6	34
Mossfiel R.	19	12	4	3	57	15	28
Keilor C.	18	13	1	4	35	8	27
S'shine H.	18	11	4	3	56	11	26
Melton A	19	12	1	6	59	12	25
S'shine C.	19	10	3	6	48	16	23
Werribee	19	10	2	7	35	17	22
St Albans	19	5	3	11	19	26	13
G'Gully Ajax	19	6	—	13	23	39	12
Juventus	18	4	1	13	9	40	9
Albion R.	19	2	—	17	10	85	4
Melton B	19	—	1	18	1	132	1

UNDER 11

	P	W	D	L	F	Agst	Pts.
G'Gully Ajax	19	17	—	2	101	8	34
Altona A	18	17	—	1	74	7	34
S'shine C.	19	13	2	4	44	14	28
St Albans	18	12	3	3	45	16	27
S'shine H.	19	10	3	6	31	31	23
Melton A	19	10	2	7	43	29	22
Albion R.	19	7	1	11	25	51	15
Mossfiel R.	19	6	1	12	18	49	13
Altona B	19	3	3	13	21	66	9
Melton B	19	4	1	14	12	58	9
Keilor City	18	3	2	13	21	66	8
N'port Ardeer	18	1	—	17	7	71	2

UNDER 12

	P	W	D	L	F	Agst	Pts.
S'shine C.	19	18	1	—	108	9	37
St Albans A	18	14	1	3	69	13	29
Altona	18	13	1	4	89	12	27
Mossfiel R.	19	12	3	4	55	9	27
S'shine H.	18	12	2	4	82	11	26
Melton	19	11	—	8	38	29	22
West. Sub.	18	7	1	10	29	47	15
Werribee	18	6	1	11	35	65	13
G'Gully Ajax	17	4	2	11	18	42	10
St Albans B	19	2	3	14	7	86	7
Lechia	19	1	2	16	8	89	4
Sunbury	18	1	1	16	11	137	3

UNDER 13

	P	W	D	L	F	Agst	Pts.
S'shine H.	15	15	—	—	117	2	30
Keilor City	15	9	3	3	28	13	21
Altona	16	9	2	5	28	33	20
Lechia	13	9	1	3	43	19	19
Mossfiel R.	16	7	2	7	41	34	16
N'port Ardeer	13	8	—	5	22	20	16
Albion R.	15	4	3	8	17	47	11
S'shine C.	15	2	2	11	11	31	6
Sunbury	14	2	—	12	10	63	4
St Albans	14	1	1	12	6	52	3

UNDER 14

Albion R.	16	15	—	1	96	18	30
Lechia	18	13	3	2	72	12	29
G'Gully Ajax	15	10	3	2	44	12	23
St Albans	17	10	3	4	60	27	23
S'shine H.	18	10	2	6	57	25	22
Altona	17	7	5	5	52	19	19
St Pauls	16	6	1	9	37	35	13
Mossfiel R.	17	5	—	12	26	59	10
Kensington	18	4	1	13	14	53	9
Melton	16	2	2	11	18	73	6
Werribee	16	—	—	16	1	140	0

UNDER 15

Altona	15	12	3	—	68	11	27
S'shine C.	16	11	4	1	83	19	26
Keilor-Aust	16	9	5	2	68	22	23
S'shine H.	17	10	3	4	52	30	23
Mossfiel R.	14	9	3	2	56	17	21
B'meadows	17	7	1	9	43	48	15
Corio	16	4	4	8	22	46	12
Coburg	15	3	2	10	25	56	8
C. Altona	16	1	1	14	11	56	3
Sunbury	16	—	—	16	4	128	0

UNDER 16

Geelong	13	10	—	3	41	10	20
St Albans	14	10	—	4	41	26	20
Hamlyn R.	14	9	1	4	41	18	19
St Pauls	13	9	—	4	42	14	18
Altona R.	13	8	—	5	31	24	16
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JUNIOR LEAGUE CONTINUED

MOOROOLBARK JUNIORS REPORT. Week Ending 14-15/9/74.

MOOROOLBARK under 14's played brilliant soccer at times to hand out the first defeat of the season to Nunawading.

When Nunawading, playing against a very strong wind in the first half, took an early lead it looked likely to be just another win for the Nunawading boys.

However, the Barkers struck back quickly with two great goals by Geoff Ireson to establish a 2-1 lead at half-time. This proved sufficient as both teams failed to score in the second half.

The Under 8's were most unlucky not to do better than draw 0-0 against Doncaster B. As were the Under 10's who also drew 0-0 against Nunawading B on Saturday.

However, on Sunday, the Under 10's made up for it by defeating Croydon 3-0; Scorers were Guy Bakker, Ian Harper, Martin Camp.

The Under 12's lost 4-0 to Doncaster.

The Under 16's had a walkover against Juventus who failed to appear.

There is also plenty happening off the field in the Barkers' territory. During the school holidays the film "Soccer - The Universal Ball Game" was shown on three nights to over 300 people

at the St. Patricks School, Lilydale. All proceeds, which included a soccer ball, went to the school.

On Sunday 13th October, the annual presentation barbecue will be held at Wandin East Recreation Reserve. And for the "grown ups" the end of season dance at the Kilnsy Hall on Saturday 26th October.

Under 10 Moreland 2 v Greensborough 0.

Moreland started strong but can only blame themselves for not being well ahead in the first ten minutes, but credit must also be given to the Greensborough keeper for a fine display. However Raymond Zahra finally put Moreland in front at the 10th minute.

But Greensborough fought back gamely and in the 17th caught Moreland's defence off guard and their drive just tipped the top of the cross bar.

After the interval Moreland attacked immediately and were put 2 goals ahead at the 5th minute mark by L. Leaney.

Best for Moreland Len Leaney, Steve Palmer.

UNDER 15 v COACHES-MANAGERS-COMMITTEE.

A vigorous, hard fought game by both

teams which kept the spectators on their toes and rendered the referee exhausted. A game in which no favours were asked or given, with both teams determined to win.

The "oldies" combined well as a team with a good display of understanding and cooperation between players, calling for the ball and using the open spaces to create attacks.

The Under 15 team were fast and penetrating in their attacks, outstripping their opposition in pace, but good defensive play and good goalkeeping kept them to only one goal.

The "oldies" eventually won the game by 2 goals (including a penalty) to one.

We feel that the Under 15s could have won this match if they had realised fully just how exhausted were their opposition towards the closing stages and had applied more pressure.

A good sporting game, and if it's any consolation, lads, there were many pairs of very sore legs and feet after the game.

UNDER 10 v UNDER 11.

A friendly game between two teams each comprised of Under 10s and 11s and including boys who do not get

regular games in League competition.

Credit must be given to the boys of each team (and their coaches) for considering they had not played together as teams before today, they settled down quickly and combined well in defence

and in constructive attack.

Both defences played well and a scoreless draw was a very fair result.

Best Players - Whites: R. Cortese, R. Zahra, C. Shiangolis. Blues: R. Vogal, T. Sciacovelli, C. Polita.

Preston spearhead Ian Reid (8) watches with interest as teammate Vlado Kotevski jumps and gasps as he collects the ball in a rather painful manner.



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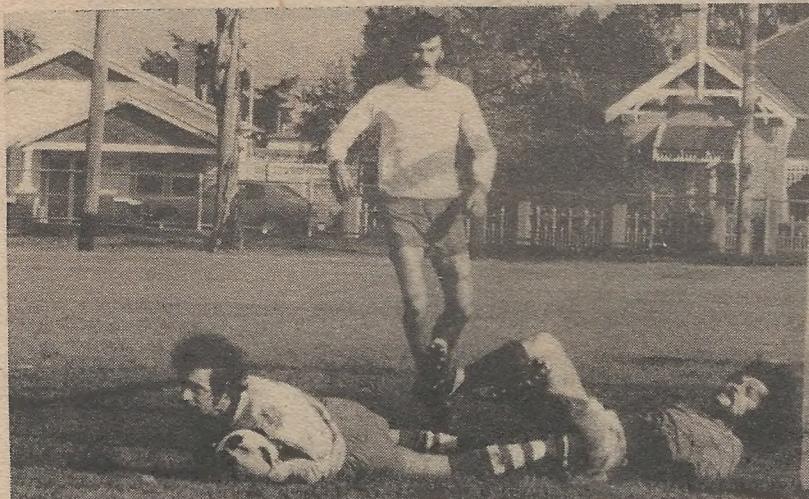
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ACTION SHOTS

Federation Cup, Second Round
Played at Ormond Park, Saturday,
September 14, 1974.

Essendon City 0 Eltham 2.



Eltham's Danny Spaniak falls flat on his back as Essendon City goalkeeper Giovanni Restuczia dives to take the ball from his feet.



Tony Watson (Eltham) taps the ball away as Essendon's Tony Catalano (White shirt) dashes in and misses the tackle.

Another flying attempt to save by Giovanni Restuczia from Eltham's Andy Lee (dark shirt). He missed the ball, but defender Joe Frolla heads it for a corner.



Flying attempt by Essendon keeper Giovanni Restuczia to intercept a header by Eltham's Tony Watson, who takes evasive action. Eltham forward Danny Spaniak watches the incident.



Greg Szczepaniak of Eltham attempts to outwit Essendon's Sergio Turkovic (white shirt) in a mid field duel.



Andy Lee (10) of Eltham crashes to the ground, over the ball, as Essendon's Tony Catalano puts a foot in to block the ball.

LEFT:

Eltham defender Gordon Kirkwood puts pressure on Jerry Tribuzio as he streaks for goal in the Federation Cup match at Ormond Park.

RIGHT:

Eltham goalie, Neil Barwise, advances from goal to collect the ball, watched by Essendon winger Mario Coppolino (7) and fullback Gordon Kirkwood.

